

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 45-52, 56-61, 63-64, 66, and 69-73 are pending. Claims 53-55, 62, 65 and 67-68 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application. Claims 45 and 60 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

The Examiner objected to the Claim 45 for the use of the word "and". Applicant has amended the claim accordingly.

The Examiner objected to claim 60 for lack of antecedent basis because it depends on claim 45 but recited species that are not in the genus of formula I.1. Applicant has amended claim 60 by removing the following compounds:

- (24)--- 4'-chloro-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid [2-(6-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-pyridin-3-yl)-ethyl]-amide
- (26)--- 4'-chloro-biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid [2-(5-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-ethyl]-amide
- (44)--- 5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-pyridine-2-carboxylic acid [2-(4-pyrrolidin-1-ylmethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-amide

The numbers of the compounds listed in claim 60 have also been appropriately renumbered.

The Examiner also objected to Claim 67 for the use of a carboxamide compound and for not reciting a step in the process. The Examiner also rejected claim 67 under 35 U.S.C §101. Applicant has cancelled claim 67.

It not believed that any fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. To expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the phone number recited below if any outstanding issues are found.

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